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SUBJ: PEACEKEEPING: QUADRIpartite WORKING GROUP MEETINGS,
WEEK OF MAY 19

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SUMMARY: AT QUADRIpartite AND WORKING GROUP (WG) MEETINGS
MAY 19 AND 22, SOVIETS CONTINUED ZIG-ZAG TACTICS, WITH NET RESULT
THAT SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN INFORMAL
TALKS WHILE WG ATMOSPHERE NOTICEABLY HARDENED. END SUMMARY

1. WEEK'S PRINCIPAL FORWARD MOVEMENT CAME DURING FIRST TEN
MINUTES OF QUADRIpartite DISCUSSION. AT US AND UK SUGGESTION,
FRENCH, IN CHAIR, OPENED MEETING BY REQUESTING SOVIET REACTION
TO ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE TEXT UNDER DISCUSSION. (THIS IS FOUR
PARAGRAPH GUIDELINE REPORTED REF C, COMPRISING FRENCH PARA ONE
FOLLOWED BY THREE UK PARAS, WITH ALTERNATIVE US PARA TWO.)

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USSR REP OVINNIKOV SAID MOSCOW COULD ACCEPT FRENCH PARA ONE SO

LONG AS FIRST WORDS READ, "IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CREATE (AN ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE)..." IN LIEU OF "IT COULD BE DESIRABLE...." US DEL SAID SUCH WORDING CONSTITUTED A CLEAR RECOMMENDATION AND THEREFORE WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE. OVINNIKOV THEN SUGGESTED FOLLOWING COMPROMISE ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS: OPENING PHRASE WOULD READ "IT COULD BE DESIRABLE....," BUT WORDS "....WHENEVER IT APPEARS USEFUL TO IT.<#D8Q6KPK5\$? ADP000 CONFIDENTIAL

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6. AT END OF MEETING, OVINNIKOV ASKED IF OTHER DELS AGREED THAT 15 WAS ABOUT RIGHT SIZE FOR AN ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE, TO INCLUDE PERMANENT MEMBERS, FIVE NON-PERMANENT SC REPRESENTATIVES AND FIVE TROOP AND MAJOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS. COMMENT: THIS IS ABOUT SIZE WE HAD ENVISAGED IF ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE WERE EVER SET UP, AND MOST WG MEMBERS (OF WHOM OVINNIKOV ASKED SAME QUESTION) SEEM TO AGREE. END COMMENT.

7. MAY 22 WG MEETING BEGAN WITH CONTINUATION OF DEBATE (REF B) ON INCLUSION OF US PROPOSED TEXT AMONG ALTERNATIVES FOR ARTICLE 6 FREE OF BRACKETED ADDITIONS BY OVINNIKOV. AIRD DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE TOOK UP MOST OF THE TIME WITH UK AND CANADIAN DELS JOINING US IN POINTING OUT OUTRAGEOUS NATURE OF OVINNIKOV'S EFFORTS IN EFFECT TO BLOCK INCLUSION OUR TEXT BY BURYING IT IN BRACKETS. WE DID NOT PRESS MATTER TO CONCLUSION SINCE CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS IN THE CHAIR,BUT MADE IT CLEAR WE CONTINUED INSIST ON INCLUSION OF US TEXT AS PREPARED.

8. IN MIDST OF THIS, SCALABRE (FRANCE) INTRODUCED FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE COMPROMISE FOR ARTICLE 6:

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UNDER THE CHARTER, DIRECTS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.

"HE IS, IN THIS RESPECT, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH CAN, IF IT DECIDES, DELEGATE TO HIM SOME OF ITS OWN POWERS."

9. COMMENT: WE INCLINE TO VIEW THIS AS A HELPFUL FORMULATION WHICH GENERALLY SUPPORTS VIEW OF SYG HAVING SOME POWERS INDEPENDENT OF SC ACTION AND WHICH GIVES THE SOVIETS THEIR FAVORITE WORD "DELEGATE" IN A HARMLESS CONTEXT. WE PLAN MAKE NO COMMENT ON THIS APPROACH AND SEE IF SCALABRE CAN SELL IT TO SOVIETS. END COMMENT.

10. AFTER TWO HOURS OF INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION ON PROCEDURE OF WHAT TO INCLUDE AS ALTERNATIVES UNDER ARTICLE 6, WG TURNED TO ARTICLE 4(ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE) AT URGING OF ARGENTINE AND CANADIAN DELS.

11. LAHIRI (INDIA) SAID NON-ALIGNED WORKING ON NEW PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE 4 WHICH THEY HOPED TO HAVE READY BY NEXT WEEK. COMMITTEE AGREED TO ADJOURN ON THIS NOTE.

12. BEGIN NOFORN AND XGDS: LAHIRI TOLD UK DEL IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT NON-ALIGNED PROPOSAL WILL SEPAK OF OPTIONAL COMMITTEE WITH PURELY ADVISORY FUNCTION. ONLY DECISION IT COULD TAKE WOULD BE PURELY PROCEDURAL ONE OF SUBMITTING REPORTS TO SC--BY MAJORITY VOTE WITH VETO NOT APPLYING. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, SINGLE DIFFICULTY IS THAT LAHIRI SAID COMMITTEE WOULD BE ABLE TO REQUEST RELEVANT INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION FROM SECRETARIAT. UK MISOFF URGED LAHIRI ELIMINATE OR TONE DOWN THIS ASPECT. COMMENT: IF THIS ONE ASPECT ELIMINATED OR SUFFICIENTLY TONED DOWN, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SIT BACK AND WATCH SOVIETS SQUIRM. END COMMENT. END NOFORN AND XGDS. SCALI

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